

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Jacob Coopersmith House Survey Number: CARR-2R-1365

Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B XC D Considerations: A B C D E F G
 None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property known as the Jacob Coopersmith House located at the intersection of Old Washington Road and Md. 32 in Fenby, south of Westminster, Carroll County, MD. The property consists of an imposing Queen Anne-style dwelling considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Jacob Coopersmith House was built in the last quarter of the 19th century by Jacob Coopersmith, a local blacksmith who operated a blacksmith shop (no longer extant) north of his dwelling on Old Washington Road. The house is prominently located at the intersection of two major routes and survives as a good, local example of the vernacular Queen Anne style of architecture. Though asymmetrically massed, the house is square in plan, with a corner tower, and features characteristic Queen Anne detailing such as projecting gables, a wrap-around porch, projecting chimney stacks, long and narrow windows grouped individually or in pairs, and decorative shingles ornamenting various roof surfaces. The house is significant as a notable local example of its style and is thus eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C. Further, the house is associated with a local tradesperson, who appears to have built the house in a conscious attempt to draw attention to himself and his business

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 2, 1993

Kimberly Prothro Williams June 13, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

BK 4/21/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.
Modern Period 1930 - Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:

Domestic/single dwelling residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1365

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jacob Coppersmith House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1706 Sykesville Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Westminster

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

Carroll

3. Classification

Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

Ownership

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☒ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Steven and Kathleen Powell

street & number 1706 Sykesville Road

telephone no.:

city, town Westminster

state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

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street & number

folio 1 184

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

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☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION 7.1

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1365

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1890-1900 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. *CARR-1365*

Land Records, Carroll County, Md
Personal Communication with George Nelson Barnes
and George Edward Ditman

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland State Hwy. Administration date June 3, 1993

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city or town Baltimore state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by
an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated
Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and
record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of
individual property rights.

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Continuation Sheet 7.1
Jacob Coppersmith House
Carroll County

Description

The Jacob Coppersmith House is a large, late nineteenth century dwelling located in the acute angle formed by the intersection of Old Washington Road on the southwest and MD 32 (Sykesville Road) on the southeast. A couple of frame sheds and garages are located south of the building along Old Washington Road.

This large structure, imposing despite its somewhat rundown condition, was probably initially constructed as a square structure with the truncated pyramidal roof that is currently in place. This roof is interrupted on all four elevations with broad, shingled cross gables with the apex of the triangle above the paired windows projecting out to the same forward plane as the boxed cornices, and carried on three sets of paired brackets. This ornamentation of the cross gable is frequently found on turn-of-the century dwellings in Westminster, although the treatment is more restrained in this structure than many other examples.

Sometime between 1933 and 1970, possibly while still owned by the Coppersmiths, but just as likely to have occurred during the ownership of the Bollingers in the 1940's and 1950's, or Danners in the late 1950's through the 1980's, the octagonal, three-story, conical roofed tower was added to the northwest corner along with the one-story porch, carried on brick plinths beneath square wooden posts, across the north and east elevations, and around the northeast corner.

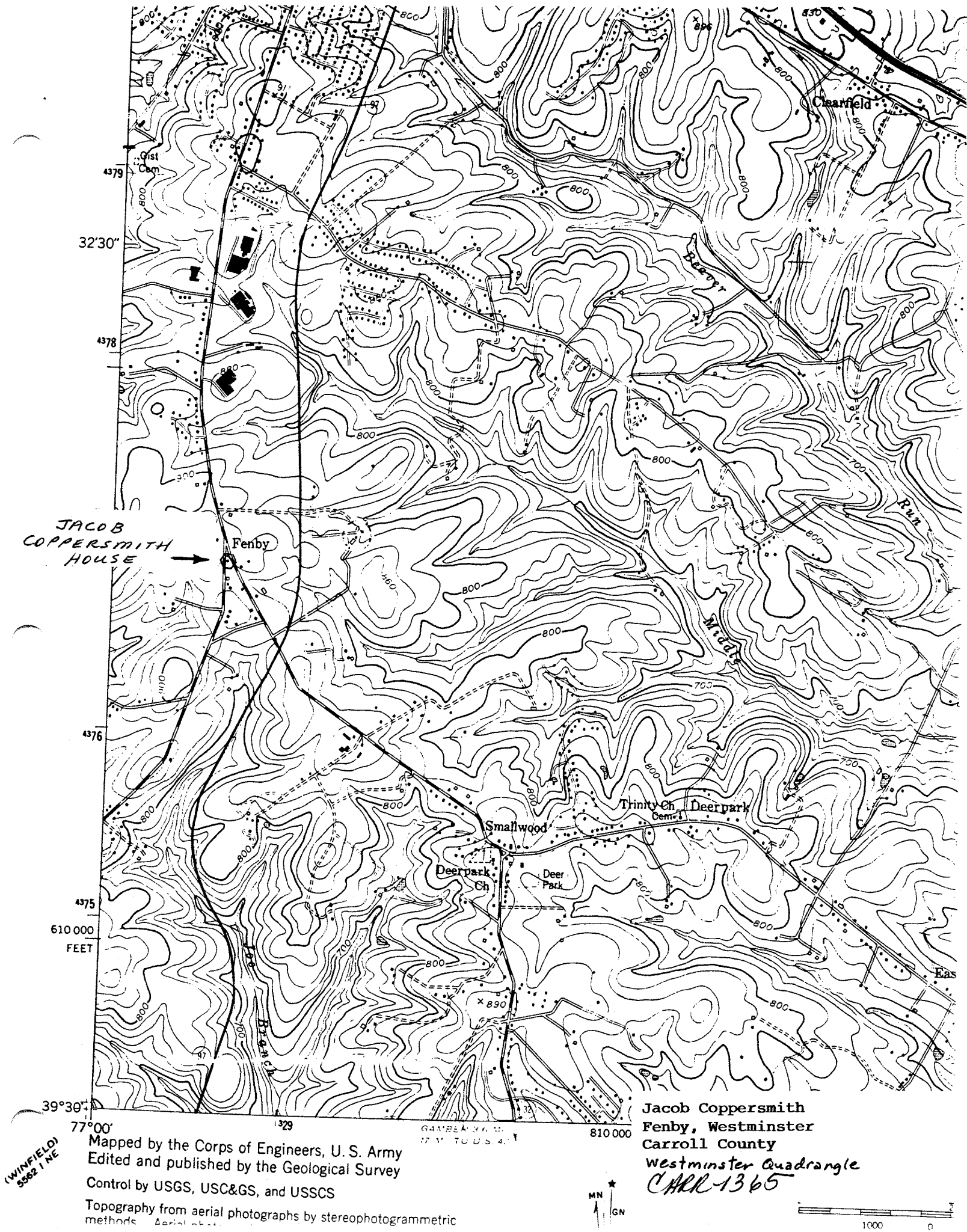
The north elevation has entrances in the second and fourth bays, whereas secondary entrances are located in the second bay (from the south on the east elevation, and second bay from the north) on the west elevation. The third level of the tower has fishscale shingles, whereas the cross gable shingles are imbricated. Chimneys on the north and south slopes of the steeply pitched roof are located close to the eaves, whereas a third chimney is located near the top of the slope on the west elevation. The fenestration, with two-over-two sash in the lower floors and one-over-one in the gable ends, except for the tower, is regular, with the exception of two ranges of doubled six-over-six sash windows in the west elevation, an obvious later alteration.

Jacob Coppersmith was a blacksmith who operated a shop on the west side of Old Washington Road north of this dwelling in the late 1870's. Around the same time he acquired land on the east side of the road, and likely constructed this dwelling before selling it to his son Ezra in 1887. His widow sold the property in the 1940's, and it has changed ownership numerous times since then.

Jacob Coppersmith House
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Significance

The large size and picturesque organization of this structure, as well as its prominent setting at the intersection of two major routes south of Westminster, and proximity to an even more important route, MD 97, has made the Jacob Coppersmith House visually prominent in the area in the late fall and winter months when it can be seen, although in the other months it can hardly be discerned within the extensive vegetation with which it is surrounded. There are similar structures in terms of size and general configurations in the general Fenby vicinity, but these other examples do not have the tower. Despite its no longer being owned by the descendants of the original owner, it retains an association with an early roadside industry, as Jacob Coppersmith operated a blacksmith shop, no longer extant, on the Old Washington Road north of, and across from, this dwelling in the late nineteenth century.





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